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1. I MET FOR HUFH AN HOUR MARCH 21 WITH MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE SERGIO VIEIRA, TO REPEAT OUR WISH TO KNOW WHETHER FRELIMO STILL WANTED THE ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM AGREED ON AT LAST YEAR'S MEETING BETWEEN MACHEL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM, AND IF SO OUR NEED FOR AN EARLY DECISION ABOUT THE DATE OF THE VISIT, AS THE MEMBERS OF THE PROPOSED TEAM HAD BEEN CHOSEN AND WERE STANDING BY. I REITERATED
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THAT THE IDEA FOR THE TEAM HAD EMERGED FROM THE MACHEL-

EASUM TALKS, AND WAS THUS IN NO WAY SOMETHING WE WERE TRYING TO IMPOSE ON FRELIMO, BUT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT A PRE-INDEPENDENCE SURVEY OF NEEDS AND FRELIMO PRIORITIES WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE MOUNTING OF A PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE AID PROGRAM WHEN MOZAMBIQUE BECOMES INDEPENDENT NEXT JUNE.

2. DOS SANTOS APPEARED TO APPRECIATE OUR NEED FOR PROMPT REPLY, AND SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE CHISSANO THIS MORNING AS SOON AS PHONE CIRCUITS OPEN, AND WOULD TRY TO HAVE AN ANSWER BY THIS AFTERNOON.

3. I THEN SAID WE HAD HEARD REPORT THAT MACHEL HAD SCOFFED AT WESTERN AMBASSADORS RUSHING TO FRELIMO WITH AID OFFERS IN A SPEECH GIVEN AT NACHINGWEA PARDONING CEREMONIES MARCH 16 (REFS B AND C). (FYI - SOURCE OF REPORT WAS LONDON OBSERVER CORRESPONDENT DAVID MARTIN.) DOS SANTOS SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER MACHEL HAD SAID ANYTHING WHICH COULD BE SO INTERPRETED. HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST, AT LENGTH, THAT PERHAPS MACHEL HAD SAID THAT FRELIMO BELIEVES, THAT FRELIMO WITH THE AID OF PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES CHANGED THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND BROUGHT DOWN PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM, AND THAT AS THE SITUATION IS NOW DIFFERENT (I.E., PRESUMABLY NO PORTUGUESE FASCISM FOR US TO SUPPORT) THERE IS NO LONGER ANY REASON WHY WESTERN COUNTRIES CANNOT NOW HAVE RELATIONS WITH A FRELIMO-RUN MOZAMBIQUE.

4. WE THEN HAD BRIEF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE NACHINGWEA CONFESSIONS AND THE UPCOMING MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, WHICH WE SHALL REPORT SEPARATELY.
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